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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL PARKS AND SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Forest Departments of States are unable to maintain sanctuaries, national park and zoo properly due to shortage of funds;

(b) if so, whether the people living adjascent to these areas are forced to live with fear and death as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Due to financial crunch the State Governments are unable to provide funds to the required extent to sanctuaries, national parks and zoos.

(b) The incidence of killings of livestock and loss of human life are reported from areas adjacent to various national parks and sanctuaries. No incident of killing human beings and livestock has been reported in case of zoos.

(c) The Government of India has issued guidelines regarding payment of compensation both in cases of loss of human life and killing of livestock by wild animals. The amount of compensation is reimbursed to States under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes.